Continuous spread of Maoist, Naxalite and terrorist activities

†1242. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of continuous spread of Maoist, Naxalite and terrorist activities from last one decade in the country and lenient approach of few State Governments towards them;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite these terrorist collusion with various antinational, anti-social organizations involved in religious conversion in various States, Central Government is not ready to make comprehensive efforts against them;

(c) the number of security forces, soldier and para-military forces personnels and citizens killed and toss of property occurred during the last three years due to Naxalite attacks and ambush by them; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to neutralize their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Central Government maintains a close and continuous watch on the activities of the extremists, including through detailed consultations with the State Governments, about the various developments and the steps required to check and control their activities. Government's approach is to deal with naxal problem in a holistic manner, in the arenas of security, development, administration and public perception.

As per available inputs, 157, 236 and 231 security force personnel and 521, 460 and 490 civilians were killed during 2006, 2007 and 2008 respectively due to naxalite attacks. Similarly, 71, 80 and 109 attacks on economic infrastructure were reported during the 2006, 2007 and 2008 respectively.

"Public order" and "police" are State Subjects. Hence prevention, detection, registration & prosecution of crimes are primarily the concerns of the State Government/UT Administrations. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources to counter and combat naxal violence in the States.

Missing children in Delhi

1243. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi High Court had taken a *suo-moto* cognizance of the issue of 'Missing Children' in Delhi on March 2, 2009 and observed that the case of missing children was a grave issue and asked the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights to look into it;

(b) if so, what are the outcomes from such an enquiry and how many FIRs for missing kids were lodged by Delhi Police in the years 2007 and 2008; and

(c) how many children were traced and united with their parents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Delhi Court had taken *suo-moto* cognizance of the

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news item reported in "Mid Day" on 26th February, 2009 with respect to missing of children. During the hearing of the case on 22.4.2009, Chairperson of the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights, *inter-alia,* submitted before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi that the Commission will investigate the matter and submit its report within three months *i.e.* before 22.7.2009. The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights has not submitted its report. The details of the FIRs registered and the number of children traced are given below:

Year	Total number FIR registered	Number of children traced
2007	1364	6440
2008	1242	5625

Provisions in Police Act for speedy disposal of terrorist cases

1244. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) as the police is still governed by the archaic Police Act passed way back in 1861, whether Government propose to ensure that quick provisions are made to tackle various facets of terrorism and terrorist activities including financing terrorism;

(b) if so, whether strengthening the arrangements for speedy investigation, prosecution and trial of cases related to terrorism and other heinous crimes are proposed; and

(c) what was the rate of conviction in such cases during 2006, 2007 and 2008?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 has been amended and notified on 31.12.2008 which, *inter-alia,* provides more stringent punitive measures to tackle all forms of terrorism including financing of terrorism. Further, the National Investigation Agency has been created by enactment of the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 to investigate and prosecute offences under the Acts mentioned in the schedule, which, *inter-alia,* includes the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The National Investigation Agency Act also provides for constitution of special courts for trial of scheduled offences. This Act, *inter-alia,* also provides for trial by a special court on a day-to-day basis on all working days.

(c) The details regarding conviction of all such cases is not Centrally maintained.

Devastation due to cyclone Aila

1245. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cyclone Aila in Bay of Bengal devastated life and property in coastal area of West Bengal on 23-24 May, 2009;

(b) if so, the details of damage done by the cyclone;

(c) the reasons why drinking water and food could not be supplied to people living in Sunderban area for many days;